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SUBJECT: EXCHANGES: STUDENTS IN THE ARTS: CLAUDIA GRAZIANO

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REF (A) MOSCOW 13003; (B) MOSCOW 10177; (C) STATE 134889

1. STUDENT OF BALLET, CLAUDIA GRAZIANO, APPEARED AT EMBASSY AUGUST 29, SEEKING PRESS AND CULTURAL COUNSELOR'S HELP IN OBTAINING ADMISSION FOR PERIOD OF STUDY AT MOSCOW CHOREOGRAPHIC (BOLSHOI BALLET) SCHOOL STARTING IMMEDIATELY. GRAZIANO AND MOTHER HAD SEEN SCHOOL'S DIRECTOR, SOF'HA N. GOLOVKINA, AS WELL AS MINCULT OFFICIALS, AUGUST 28. FYI. SINCE DEPT. HAD NOT REPLIED TO EMB'S INQUIRY OF TWO MONTHS AGO ON WHETHER OR NOT GRAZIANO WAS APPLICANT UNDER PROVISION EXCHANGES AGREEMENT, EMB ASSUMED MATTER WAS DORMANT. END FYI.

2. GOLOVKINA SAW GRAZIANO AT BOLSHOI BALLET SCHOOL AUGUST 29 AND CONTINUES TO BE IMPRESSED WITH HER. AFTERWARDS, GOLOVKINA TOOK UNUSUAL STEP OF TELEPHONING EMBOFF AND URGING GRAZIANO BE QTE MADE CANDIDATE UNQTE FOR HER SCHOOL WHICH HAS JUST BEGUN FALL SEMESTER. GOLOVKINA MADE IT QUITE CLEAR THAT BOLSHOI BALLET SCHOOL PREPARED, AND EVEN ANXIOUS, TO ACCEPT AN AMERICAN. SHE SAID THAT WHEREAS SHE CONSIDERED GRAZIANO FULLY ACCEPTABLE, OTHER AMERICAN CANDIDATES PRESENTED TO HER BY MINCULT, I.E. BARKER AND HIHM (REFTEL A) WERE DEFINITELY NOTSUITABLE FOR SCHOOL, ALTHOUGH HIHM NOT RULED OUT AS QUALIFIED FOR OTHER TYPE OF PLACEMENT.

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4. GOLOVKINA ASKED EMBASSY SEND LETTER TO MINCULT SUPPORTING GRAZIANO AND URGING HER ACCEPTANCE UNDER UMBRELLA EXCHANGES AGREEMENT. WHILE EMB KNOWS LITTEL ABOUT GRAZIANO, EXCEPT THAT SHE WAS REJECTED, ACCORDING TO GRAZIANO, FOR THIS PART OF EXCHANGES AGREEMENT BY INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION, HER CANDIDACY WOULD APPEAR TO COINCIDE WITH ORIGINAL INTENT OF THIS PART AGREEMENT.

5. GRAZIANO HERE ON TOURIST VISA GOOD UNTIL SEPTEMBER 8, 1974. IN VIEW OF THIS, RESPONSE URGENTLY NEEDED ON HOW TO HANDLE THIS MATTER. PROMPT REPLY ALSO IMPORTANT TO RELATIONS WITH GOLOVKINA ON OTHER CURRENT QUESTIONS.

6. COMMENT: EMBOFF HAD IMPRESSION FORM GOLOVKINA, WHO WAS HER USUAL FRANK SELF, THAT ACCEPTANCE GRAZIANO CANDIDACY IS VIRTUALLY ASSURED IF U.S. SIDE SUPPORTS IT. IT APPEARED THIS MAY BE BREAKTHROUGH FOR GETTING A YOUNG, SERIOUS U.S. STUDENT OF DANCE INTO BOLSHOI BALLET SCHOOL, PROVIDED DEPARTMENT FINDS CANDIDACY ACCEPTABLE UNDER AGREEMENT.  
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